

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the only remaining rejection of the application is of claims 101-115, on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-30 of parent application U.S. Patent 6,713,284. The claims are not identical, but the Examiner is contending that they are not patentably distinct due to significant overlap in claim scope. Applicants submit here an executed (1) terminal disclaimer, (2) Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) for this application, and (3) Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) for U.S. Patent 6,713,284. This is believed to address this issue, and place the case in condition for allowance.

In summary, all of the Examiner's outstanding rejections and objections have been addressed, and the application is believed to be in allowable form. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein, and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim unless we argued above that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to make suggestions as to claim language, she is encouraged to contact Marlana K. Titus at (301) 977-7227.

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